

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



**DULUTH
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

MISSION

The mission of the Duluth Police Department is to provide the highest level of service through partnerships and problem solving in a professional, ethical, and timely manner.

The Duluth Police Department strives:

- **To provide quality, consistent, impartial police services to the diverse populations and visitors to the city;**
- **Build communities where all people feel safe and trust the city's public safety professional and systems;**
- **Deliver consistently high quality city services at a good value to our taxpayers and provide a safe environment in which to live, work, and visit.**



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

2014 was a year of success and continued innovation for the Duluth Police Department. In 2011 the department began researching and testing body cameras. Initially the battery life and quality of the cameras were problematic, but in late 2013 the body camera technology had improved enough for us to seek full implementation of body cameras for our patrol division. After years of planning and policy development, and with 100% support from Mayor Ness and city councilors, we rolled out body cameras for every uniformed officer in 2014. We were one of the first mid-size police departments in the country to fully implement this technology. Our officers have embraced the cameras and by the end of 2014 investigators were requesting body cameras as well. While the transition has not been without problems, we have found great value in this new technology.

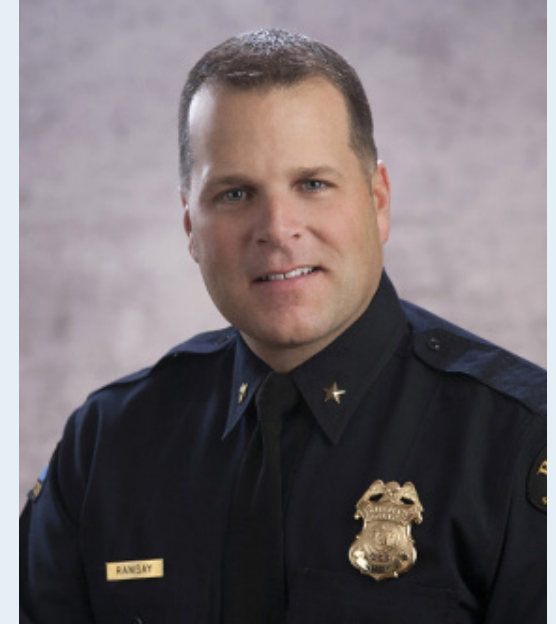
We continue to work on preventing and reducing serious crime and have had solid results. In 2014 we had 504 burglaries, the fewest since 1960, when we had 465 reported. The highest number of burglaries occurred in 1977 when we had 1,577 reported.

Auto theft continues to decline with 161 reported in 2014, the fewest since 1956, when there were 152 reported. In the 1990's and early 2000's we frequently had more than 500 auto thefts reported in a year.

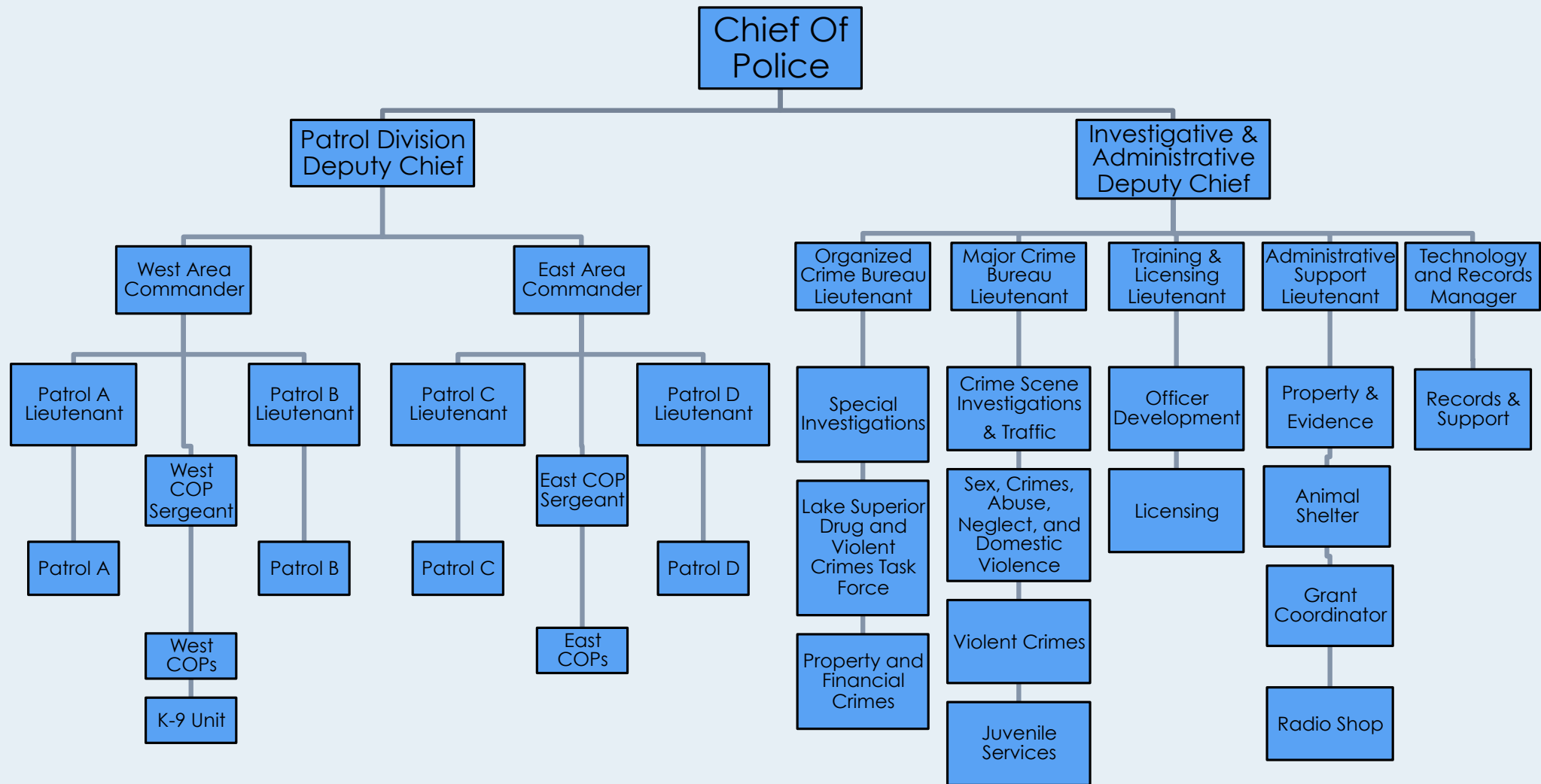
Our robberies reached their high from 2005 to 2009 when we didn't have a year with fewer than. In 2013 and 2014 we've had 73 and 75, respectively. We had 27 homicides between 1999 and 2003. From 2010 through 2014 we've had nine.

Through the use of innovative technology and good old fashion police work our officers are working hard to keep our community safe.

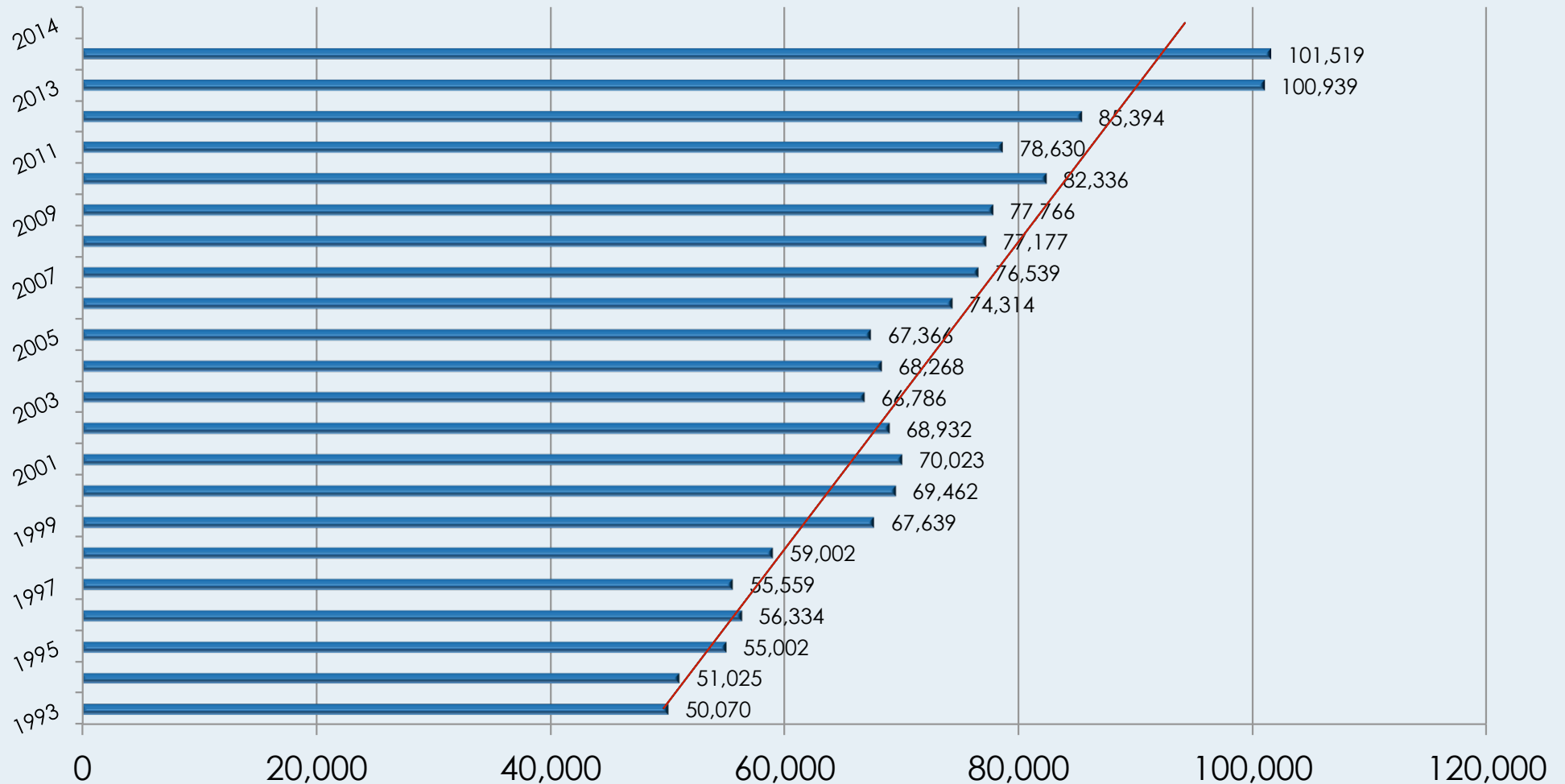
Gordon Ramsay



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



HISTORICAL CALLS FOR SERVICE



2014 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. Implementation of a P.E.P. Program

- At least one officer per shift in 2014
- Kazel, Chicos, Clancey, Wick and Ceynowa will work together to determine number of personnel, length of time and nature of assignment;

2. CJIIN – Field-based reporting

- Continue to critically evaluate to make sure it meets our needs
- Roll-out prior to the beginning of summer.

3. Downtown Safety

- Increase perception of safety downtown (especially after dark). This will be measured through the National Citizen Survey
- Implementation of Mounted Patrol will be focused upon improving this perception.

4. Body Cameras

- Purchase the cameras and implement in the patrol division
- Prior to implementation, policy is drafted and training/expectations are made clear
- Prior to implementation, the entire process of collecting, saving and sharing of the data is determined, to include what classification of data the recordings consist of.

5. Improve Communication within the Command Staff

- Full staff meetings are approached with a defined agenda and expectations for participants. There will be a minimum of six full staff meetings in 2014.
- Notes are kept and circulated of the Admin and Patrol staff meetings and circulated amongst command staff.

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased officer activity and redirected patrols resulted in **Crime Reduction** in car prowls, burglaries, auto thefts, and robberies.
- The **Duluth Police Foundation** 501c3 has begun funding projects that will positively impact Duluth & the Police Department.
- **Body Cameras** were deployed to create transparency and mutual trust within the community. They allow officers to better capture incident response and investigative evidence.
- **Towards Zero Death** (TZD) traffic safety funding increased from \$285,000 in 2013 to \$326,282 for 2015. Our TZD program is a model for the state and has impacted crime and traffic safety in Duluth.
- Instituting **Same Day Reporting** allows for accurate crime reporting and analysis to direct staff to problem people, places, and crimes.

CHALLENGES

Staffing

- Increase in calls for service, less discretionary to devote to crime prevention
- More time and resources are necessary to use best evidence practices to develop viable cases for prosecution
- Many viable cases go unresolved due to resources; leading to greater offender recidivism
- Diversify our workforce through recruitment
- Increase in mental health related calls has increased the need to address this issue more proactively

Technology

- Need to continue to seek technology that find efficiencies and allows the Department to keep up with increasing demands such as field base reporting and tablets
- Need legislative support for technology like body cameras

UPDATE: LAST PLACE ON EARTH (LPOE)

- On August 14, 2014, Jim Carlson the former owner of the Last Place on Earth was sentenced in Federal Court to (17.5) years in prison for (51) crimes involving the sale of synthetic drugs. Carlson's girl-friend, Lava Haugen was sentenced to (5) years in prison and (3) years supervised release.
- Jim Carlson is currently appealing the court decision. All forfeited monies and property will remain in the custody of the federal government until the appeals have been exhausted.
- The City of Duluth has updated the agreement with the Federal Government for equitable sharing of forfeited assets.



TOWARD ZERO DEATH (TZD)

PATROL DIVISION



2014 Toward Zero Death (TZD) celebrated another successful year with funding and traffic enforcements to keep our roadways safe.

The TZD grant afforded the Duluth Police Department and our partners to allocate 4,915 hours of officer overtime, conducting 15,957 traffic stops, and there were 1,071 DWI's included in the 2,039 traffic citations delivered.

We enjoyed numerous opportunities to educate the community.

We are proud and grateful our funding was increased to over \$285,498 dollars due to well thought out enforcement planning, timely and accurate reporting, as well as a cooperative efforts by the Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team partner agencies.

This funding pays officer overtime to do targeted enforcement on impaired drivers, speeding, and seat belt/passenger safety violations

2014 CITIZENS SURVEY

The National Citizen Survey was developed by the National Research Center to provide statistically valid data from city residents' opinions about community and services provided by their local City government.

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Feel safe in your neighborhood	92%	89%	93%	94%
Feel safe in your neighborhood after dark	NA	67%	71%	69%
Feel safe in Duluth's downtown/commercial area	73%	64%	75%	75%
Feel safe in Duluth's downtown after dark	NA	20%	24%	33%
Was NOT the victim of a crime	80%	86%	82%	82%
Did NOT report a crime	74%	NA	NA	NA
Overall feeling of Safety	70%	NA	NA	NA
Percent rating POLICE positively (excellent/good)	81%	82%	78%	78%

TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Duluth Police Department utilizes a Tactical Response Team (TRT), consisting of twenty-one officers who deal with exceptional situations. Officers assigned to TRT employ specialized equipment, training, and tactics during operations they become involved in. The team's objective is a peaceful resolution of potentially violent situations. The TRT will be used, when deemed necessary, to serve hazardous search/arrest warrants, resolve barricaded subjects, hostage situations, dignitary protection, violent offender apprehension, and other tasks beyond the scope of patrol officers. Regardless of what you see on T.V. we know our Tactical Response Team is a “life saving” organization.

The Duluth Police Department TRT was called out on nine incidents in 2014. (3) high risk apprehensions, (3) high risk search warrants executed, (2) suicide risk incidents, and (1) high profile security detail (Grandma's Marathon finish line).



TRAFFIC SAFETY 2014

- 22,189 Traffic Stops
- 4,410 Citations Written
- 471 Arrests
- 302 DWI



DDACTS is Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety. We integrate location-based crime and traffic crash data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement. DDACTS uses geo-mapping to identify areas that have high incidences of crime and traffic crashes.

Officers who are proactive and engaged look for opportunities to make contact with people who are violating the laws or are engaged in suspicious activity.

Of equal importance, engaging in ambitious traffic enforcement seeking to modify driver behavior to reduce speeds, impaired driving, and ensure seat belt use will save lives.

Officers engaged in traffic enforcement have the greatest opportunity to do drug, gun, and criminal interdiction. Routine stops allow officers' opportunities to detect criminal activity and develop probable cause for searches which may lead to arrest of offenders who victimize the community.

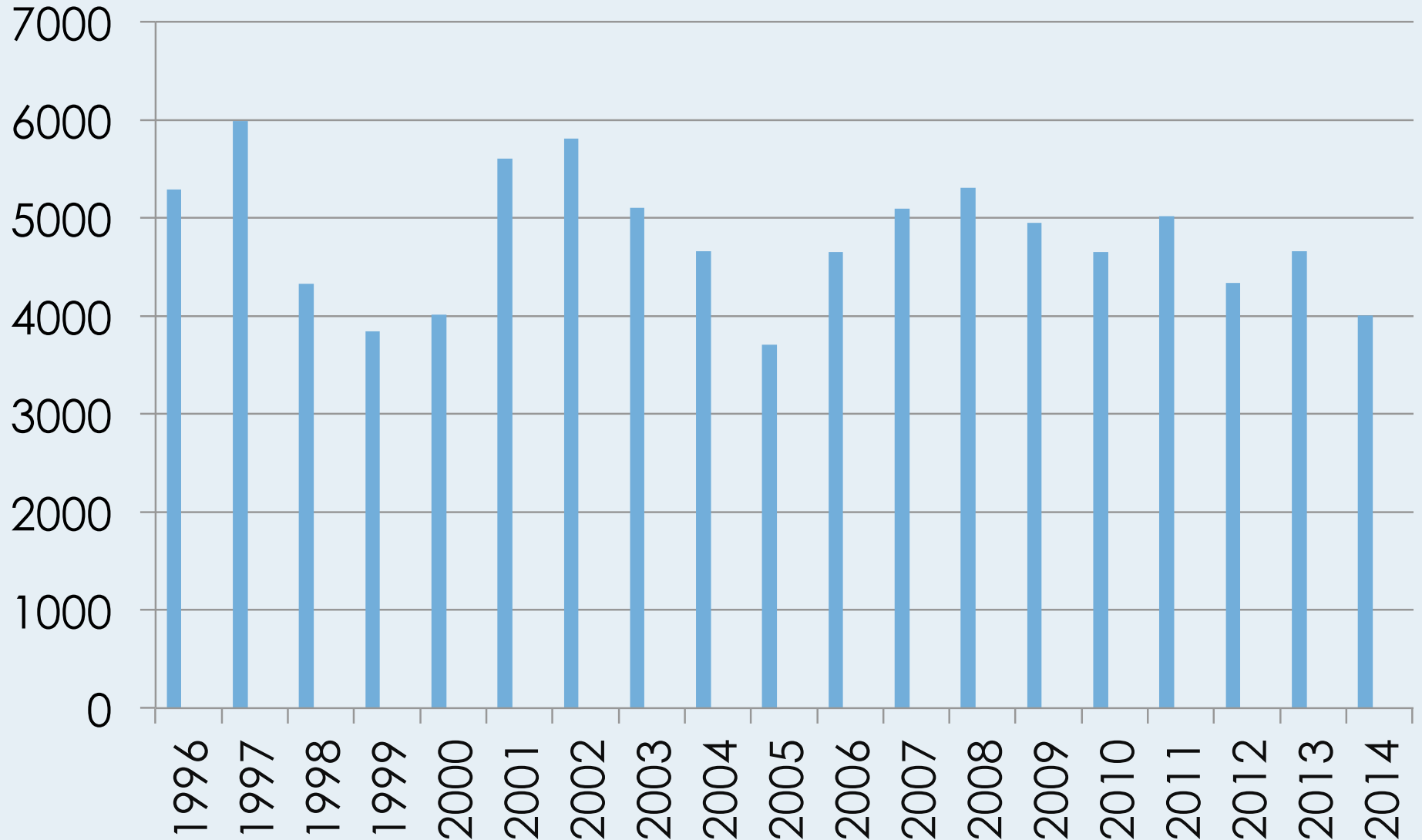
Traffic and subject stops are critical tools used to keep our community safe!

2014 CRASH STATISTICS

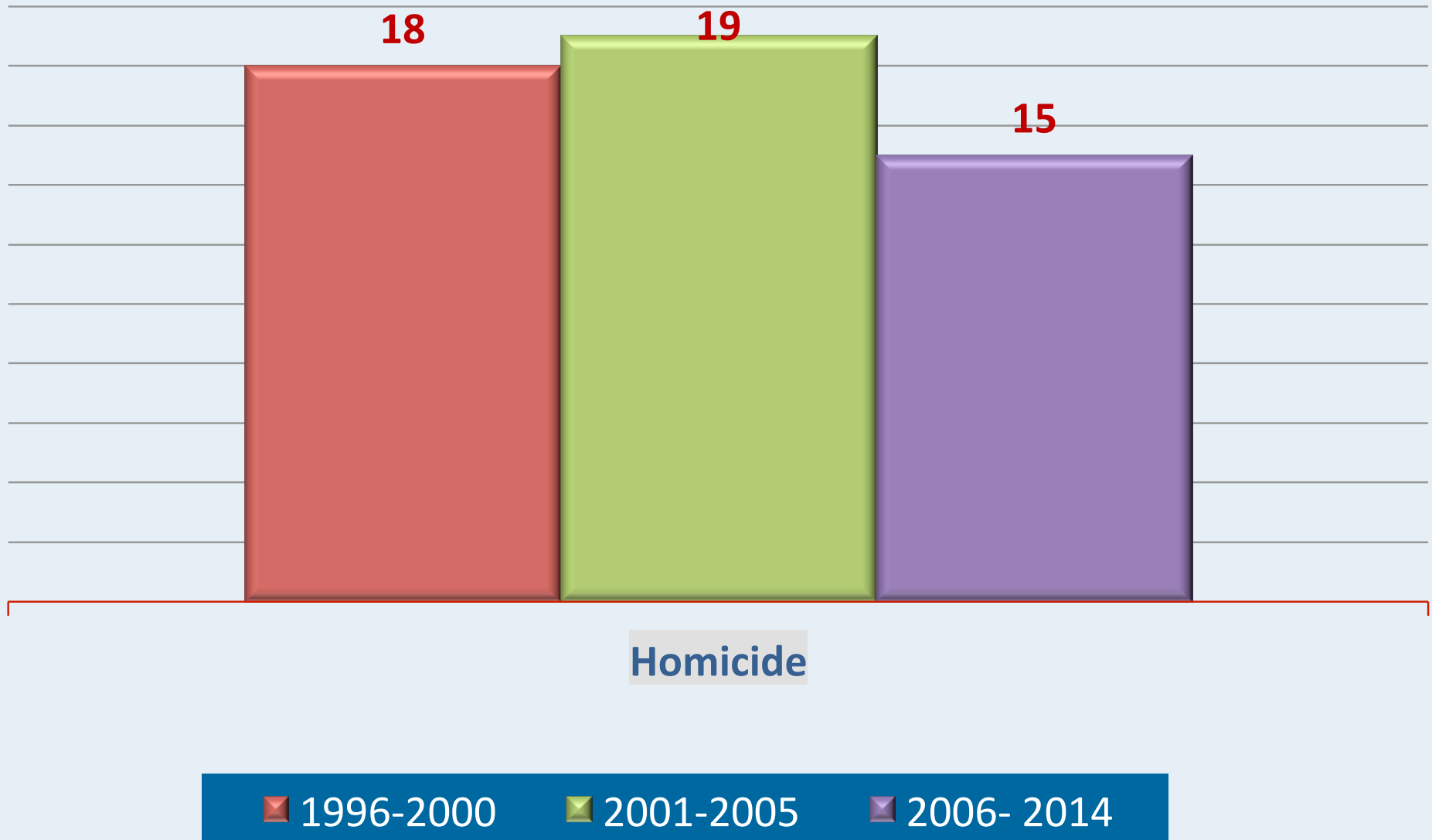
Crash Type	District 24	District 25	District 26	District 27	District 28	District 29	Total
Property Damage	334	236	635	323	405	482	2429
Property Damage/Hit & Run	75	66	153	108	67	105	576
Personal Injury	39	27	45	18	43	49	221
Personal Injury/Hit & Run	1	2	–	–	–	1	2
Personal Injury/Pedestrian	6	6	20	4	3	8	42
Personal Injury/Pedestrian Hit & Run	1	1	3	2	–	–	9
Fatal Traffic Crash	1	–	–	–	1	1	2
Total	443	347	856	455	519	646	3281

Criminal Vehicular Operation	2	9	9	–	1	–	21
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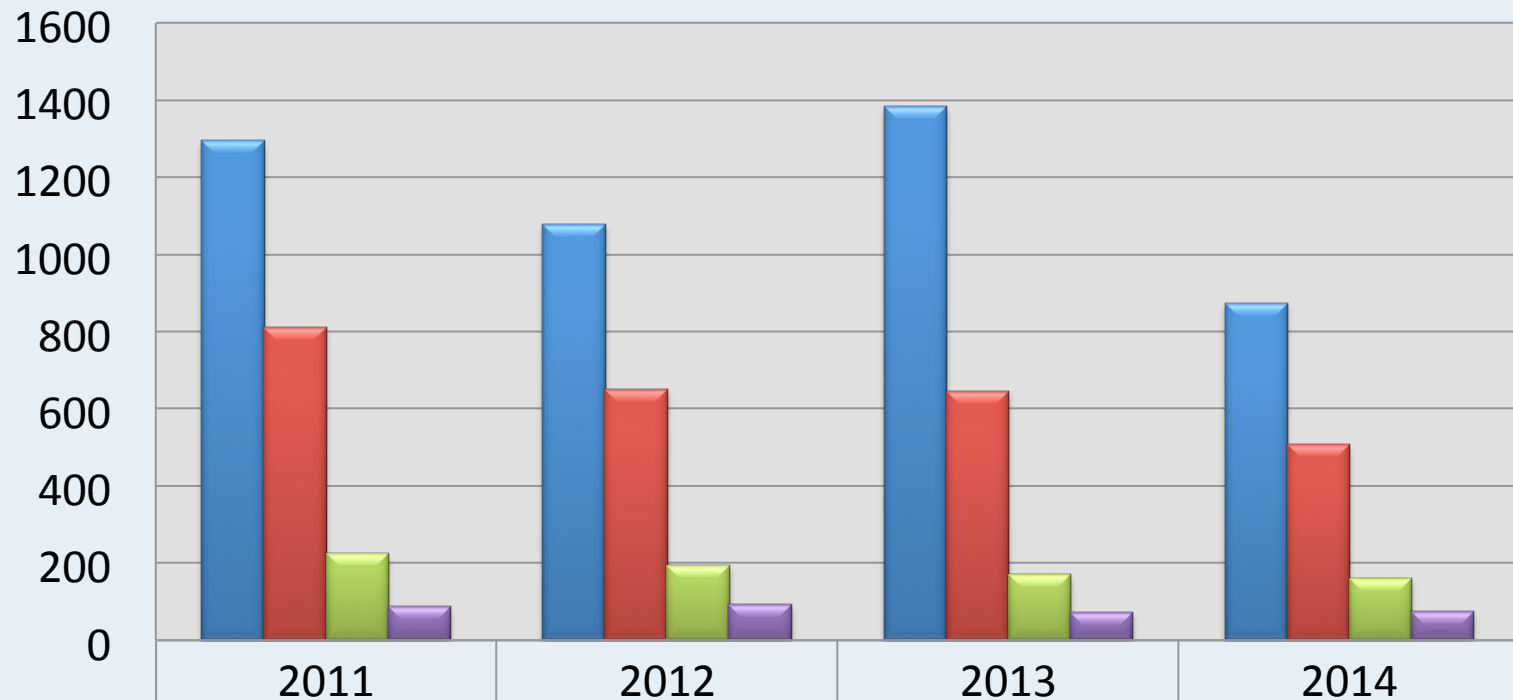
TOTAL PART I CRIMES



HOMICIDE 1996 THROUGH 2014



YEAR END STATS



■ Vehicle Prowls	2011	2012	2013	2014
■ Burglaries	1294	1078	1383	874
■ Vehicle Thefts	810	649	646	508
■ Robberies	225	193	171	161
	89	93	73	75

SPECIALTY COURT & OUTREACH

We are very fortunate to live in a community that understands the value of collaboration to improve lives of the less able. A group of criminal justice professionals, public health professionals, both mental and physical, and social services agencies meet monthly to focus on and guide those citizens who consume the most services from their service offerings.

This **Community Intervention Group (CIG)** addresses the needs of citizens who have multiple needs including; housing, chemical dependencies, mental health needs and criminal incidents. Exchanging information about the individuals' and shared releases of personal information, CIG creates a "focused" response to assist client's way back to a productive life. With needs met and new expectations to be accountable, agencies witness improved efficiencies and improved client outcomes.

These efforts along with the outreach by officers of the Duluth Police Department are applauded by the Judiciary Bench.

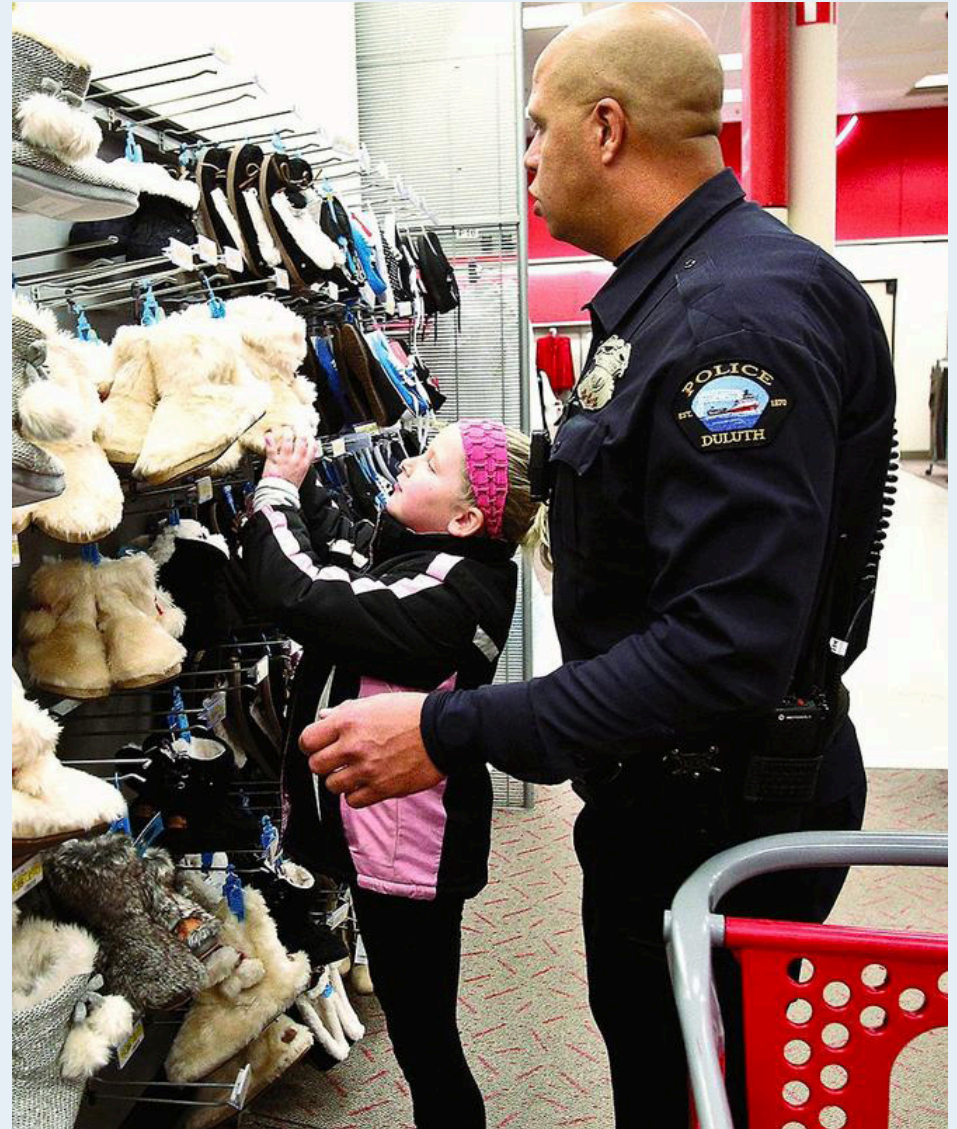


GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Members of the Department teamed up with Target again this year for our **Blue Santa/Shop with a Cop** annual Christmas present shopping spree. Target has been a wonderful partner and extremely supportive of our Blue Santa program. Numerous people within the Department contributed money to assist in giving those in our community who needed a little support, the ability to have a great Christmas!

Six families were selected by the Salvation Army to participate. Each child selected was given a \$200 gift card to purchase presents for themselves or their family members. Target gave us a 30% discount making the total buying power of the cards \$260/card! Every child was paired with an officer who helped them select their gifts. It was a fantastic way to spend one on one time with the kids.

Many of them asked questions about what we do. The reaction from the public was very positive as well. Many made appreciative comments and thanked us not only for what we do day to day to serve our community, but for taking the “extra” time to spend with the kids and hopefully give them a Christmas they will always remember!



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Law Enforcement Torch Run and Polar Plunge benefit Special Olympics MN. The 2014 Polar Bear Plunge had (980) plungers and raised \$170,000 for Special Olympics and it was the most successful “plunge” to date.

Twelve police officers are responsible for organizing and spearheading the event. Minnesota has the 5th largest Special Olympics program in the world with more than 7,000 athletes participating in (17) different sports throughout the year.

Special Olympics MN has a unique wellness program called Healthy Athletes where doctors, dentists, orthopedists, and others provide screenings and treatments for many athletes who have not had appropriate health care for many years.

100% of the money raised is given to Special Olympics MN to pay for these programs. The Law Enforcement Torch Run had (50) runners who raised \$1,000 for Special Olympics.



COPS, KIDS & CARS

COPS, Kids & Cars was a new community event provided during the summer of 2013. Police cars, the canine team, and a BBQ were showcased at Portland Square co-hosted by the Duluth Police Department, Bernick's Distributing, and Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative.

The 2014 event added another BBQ in the Lincoln Park neighborhood on the 2nd day of the event. Everyone enjoyed their tours of the police cars, introductions to the canine team and the delicious hot dog BBQ.

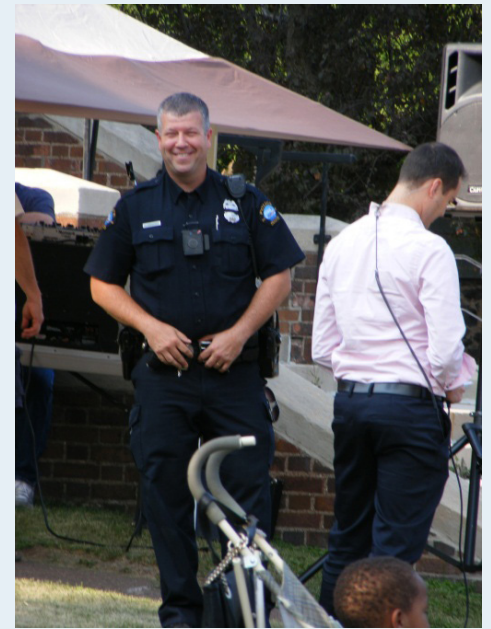


NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Duluth Police Department registered more than 52 block parties with many more “unofficial” gatherings to mark the 2014 National Night Out event. In 2014, over 37.8 million neighbors across 16,124 communities celebrated National Night Out. This is a fun, family friendly event.

National Night Out is a cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In Duluth, this event is always well received throughout the community and among officers themselves. It’s an opportunity for the community to gather and connect with the officers who work in their neighborhoods to strengthen relationships and ban together to fight crime.





- **SCAN Unit** is responsible for investigations of all adult and child Criminal Sexual Conduct, Child Neglect, and Vulnerable Adult Neglect & Abuse cases in the City of Duluth. In 2014 the SCAN Unit was referred over (744) cases and conducted approximately (49) First Witness Child Interviews. SCAN continues to collaborate closely with their community partners to include First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center, Program to Aid Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA), and St. Louis County Initial Intervention Child Protection Services.

- **DVRT Team** (Domestic Violence Response Team) is responsible for the investigation of all domestic abuse cases, orders for protection and harassment order cases in the City. DVRT Investigators were responsible for approximately (800) case referrals in 2014. DVRT Investigators work closely with their partners at the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (DAIP), Safe Haven Shelter and Safe Haven Resource Center. In 2014 the Duluth Police DVRT Unit was a major component of the Duluth Blueprint for Safety Community Award. The Duluth Police Department was one of only three Blueprint demonstration communities nationwide.

- The Police Department is responsible for managing the locations of predatory offenders living in the City. Of the (274) offenders living in the City in 2014, seven are Level III offenders, the most likely to reoffend. Predatory Offender Registration responsibilities were moved out of the SCAN unit in 2013. Each offender is now assigned to work directly with a Community Police Office. The assigned Community Police Officer is responsible for maintaining compliance of the predatory offender and for performing annual, bi-annual, and/or weekly check-ins.

LAKE SUPERIOR FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

This is a collaboration composed of four local law enforcement agencies which include Superior Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the City of Duluth Police Department. The Task Force Forensic Technology Lab is housed within the Superior Police Department. Each agencies contributes funding and officers to the Task Force.

The Task Force investigates internet crimes against children as well as other crimes involving technology. They process digital evidence from devices such as computers, cameras, GPS units, and cellular devices. Evidence is reviewed, stored and made available for criminal prosecutions. They have assisted other regional law enforcement agencies with cases. The Task Force provided (47) presentations on Internet Safety, Social Media, Sexting and Cyber bullying to over (4,770) citizens in 2014.

The Task Force has been instrumental in successful prosecutions of some local high profile criminal cases involving pornography. They executed and assisted in (104) search warrants and conducted (506) forensic examinations on electronic evidence. (55) separate investigations were conducted involving Child Enticement, Child Prostitution, Obscenity directed to minors, and Child Pornography.

VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT

The **Violent Crimes Unit** (VCU) received approximately (547) referrals for investigations in 2014.

These referrals include robberies, gross misdemeanor and felony assaults, (based on injuries and status as per Police, Fire, EMS, and hospital staff descriptions), shots fired, and terroristic threats.

VCU investigated three homicides in 2014, one has been resolved through a plea deal resulting in a 40 year sentence, and two others are awaiting resolution through the court process. Several of our higher profile cases have dealt with suspects who have severe and persistent mental illness; this has resulted in case resolution taking longer.

The Violent Crimes Unit has continued to look at two cold case homicides and is hopeful that these cases maybe resolved in the near future. The City of Duluth is fortunate to have highly skilled and dedicated team of Investigators and Prosecutors that stop at nothing to seek the truth, facts, and justice served.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU



School Patrol – Officer Bill Stovern manages the School Patrol Program. School patrol is comprised of approximately 300 student volunteers. They are responsible for ensuring that students coming to and leaving school, cross the street safely. Officer Stovern is responsible for training and fundraising for the student crossing volunteers.

New Patrollers attend a (2) hour classroom and practical training session at the end of the school year and they are then are shadowed by current Patrollers for the remainder of the year until they are ready to work alone. Monthly Patrol meetings at each school are hosted by Officer Stovern, including current Patrollers and School Advisors, to discuss any traffic problems, training issues, and upcoming events.

Yearly appreciation events include; a UMD Women's Hockey Game dedicated to Patrollers of all schools, free movie day including soda and popcorn, certificates and an appreciation gift at their school's award assembly, and a year end party and raffle prizes at Adventure Zone.

POLICE RESERVES

There are 20+ Duluth Police Reserves assisting with traffic control for nearly (40) events each year. They log over 1,000 volunteer hours per year.

Reserves come from many different backgrounds such as RN's, truck driver's, Law Enforcement students and business managers.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a clean driving record, no criminal history and pass a criminal background check. Members are outfitted with working uniforms and equipment.

Reserves receive training in traffic operations, verbal judo, CPR, and Chemical Aerosol/Use of Force. The group receives funding from multiple sources which goes toward equipment and an annual appreciation banquet.



JUVENILE SERVICES UNIT

- The **Juvenile Service Unit** accepted over 1,100 referrals in 2014 down about 100 from 2013 and these include charges ranging from petty misdemeanors to felonies, along with referrals for various follow up investigations. These referrals include 226 runaways and missing person which was a decrease from 2013 as well. The Juvenile services unit processed all juvenile in-custody arrests and non-custodial citations. In 2014 the Juvenile services unit was also assisted by patrol officers filling in at the various schools while the SRO's were on light duty, allowing officers to obtain exposure to different opportunities in the department.
- The juvenile Unit is also a member of the Gerald Vick Task Force on trafficked person as evidenced by the 24 active cases being worked which include cases being worked with social service and partner law enforcement agencies.
- The Juvenile Services Unit consists of a Sergeant, Investigator, and (4) School Resource Officers. Officers are individually assigned to Denfeld High School, East High School, Lincoln Park Middle School, and Ordean-East Middle School. Lincoln Park middle school welcomed a new School resource officer this fall. While a change like this brings uncertainty the new officer was able to immerse herself quickly and has been well received.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS



This year the Duluth Police Department combined its Crime Scene Investigation Unit with Traffic Investigations. This move will help us create more efficiencies and cost savings as both units require similar equipment and expertise.

The traffic unit had 508 referrals in 2014. Traffic was able to fill its Investigator vacancy. Our Traffic Investigator has completed all required accident reconstruction and total station training.

CSI continues making strides toward lab accreditation in response to a statute change. CSI's Police Officer Crime Scene Investigator (POCSI) training program is now Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) approved and DPD is looking at ways to offer this training to other agencies.

Investigator Saletel assisted the BCA in the 1981 Cold Case Homicide Investigation of Carolyn Andrew. The body of the suspect needed to be exhumed. Comparison of the DNA allowed us to close this case as solved. CSI is continuing to assist the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) in the 1996 cold case homicide of Dennis Dean Olson.

CSI: PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

- Our second full inventory of our Property Rooms were completed in 2013. This annual event will ensure the integrity of our property room management system. (427) latent finger prints were searched in the Automated Finger-print Identification System (AFIS) in 2013 with 32 hits.
- A “hit” alerts an investigator that the print has been “previously” entered in the system and additional data is available on that individual.
- Requests for processing evidence was down 5% from 2012, however, requests for copying media was up 41% from last year. Media copied included interview room video, intoxilizer videos, in-car camera videos and surveillance video requests from local businesses.
- Through the Justice Assistance Grant Program, CSI was able to purchase a “Drug Incinerator.” As part of their strive for “best practices” they now are able to destroy confiscated controlled substances as needed.
- In 2014 besides completing our 3rd full inventory of our property rooms we began the implementation of a quarterly audit program of our property and evidence rooms.
- Requests for media copies increased 23% from 2013. Since 2010 requests for media copies has increased over 200%.
- In 2014 we took in 7,290 pieces of property and evidence, cleared 8,936 pieces of property and evidence, our total inventory at the end of 2014 was 15,613 items.

PROPERTY & FINANCIAL CRIMES

The Property & Financial Crime Unit utilized tried-and-true investigative techniques combined with technology, and partnerships with other law enforcement agencies and investigative units to solve multiple cases. They referred offenders for charging and recover hundreds of thousands of dollars of stolen property.

In cooperation with the news media and our citizens, a weekly “Proper Crimes Person of the Week” is publicized. These individuals have felony warrants for their arrest and a history of property crimes. There is a high likelihood that while on the lamb, these individuals are continuing to engage in criminal activities.

Quickly bringing them into custody is a crime reduction strategy as well as a step in the process to hold them accountable for their crimes. This program has met with a high degree of success in that most offenders have been apprehended and this program is very popular with our citizens.

The total number of referrals for property and financial crimes in 2014 was 1,939.



TRAINING & LICENSING UNIT

New Police Officers

In 2014 we had (19) college student Interns who worked for a total of 5,233 hours. Nine of those Interns worked on a special Rental Compliance Check program supervised by Lt. Rish where they virtually checked every rental property in the city of Duluth.

327 training opportunities were attended by officers for a total of 6,623 hours of training.

Training

New: Successfully transitioned from .40 caliber pistols to 9mm pistols to improve firearms accuracy among officers. This transition was accomplished by trading in previous pistols and resulted in a zero cost to the department. Additionally this trade eliminated the need to pay for pistol parts for scheduled maintenance saving approximately \$10K.

Department Training that was provided in 2014 included : live-fire firearms training, use of force training in Arrest & Control Tactics, use of force simulator training, firearms training for Police Mounted Patrol Unit, firearms training for Police Mountain Bike training, Hosted Smith & Wesson Armorer's School, hosted the three-day MN Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Conference.

Licensing

- Processed 558 gun permits
- Inspected 118 Taxi cabs
- Followed up on 50 false alarms

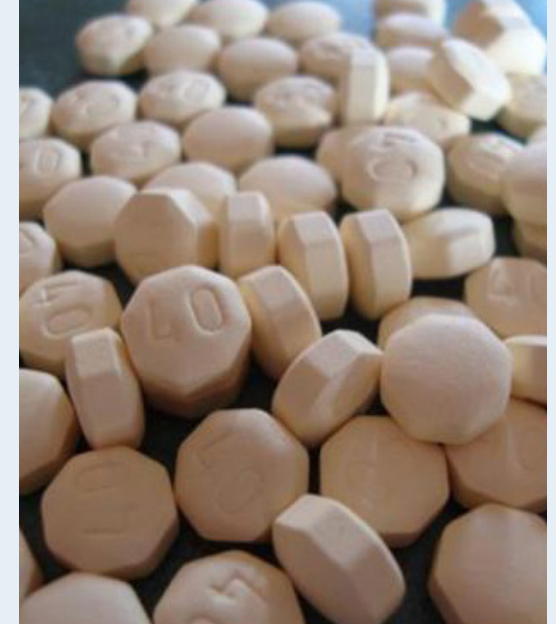
LAKE SUPERIOR DRUG & VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE (LSD & VCTF)

Heroin continued to be the most prominent drug problem in the Duluth/Superior area for 2014. Investigators are dealing with it on a daily basis. Investigators are seeing a slight upturn in methamphetamine sales with some dealers selling both heroin and methamphetamine.

The LSDVCTF is seeing the prevalence of individuals from larger cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul transporting controlled substances to Duluth to sell. These individuals are using the apartments and homes of local residents to sell drugs while trying to remain anonymous to local law enforcement.

Along with the heroin issues, the public has seen an apparent rise in property crimes. The LSDVCTF understands the relationship between drug and property crimes and have aided on numerous property crime investigations often using confidential informants to further those cases.

The LSDVCTF continues to have strong partnerships with other law enforcement agencies. These include, but are not limited to, the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations), BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension), HSI (Homeland Security Investigations), Border Patrol, MN State Patrol, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Carlton County Sheriff's office and Hermantown Police Department. Recently, Investigators have forged a strong working relationship with members of the Chicago Police Department and agents from the Chicago Field Office of the ATF. This relationship has come from working coordinated cases in Illinois that have led to local Investigators assisting Chicago PD members in Minnesota as well.



PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The parking division employs four full-time and two part-time parking monitors who are responsible for covering the entire city limits. Their primary duties include enforcement of all City of Duluth and State of Minnesota parking regulations.

Parking monitors serve a critical role in ensuring turnover—and thus availability—of prime on-street parking spaces, and they help ensure safety and accessibility of city streets, sidewalks, business access points, loading zones, school bus routes, and residential traffic arteries.

Did you know that you can get a parking ticket for...?

- Having one or more of your license plates missing
- Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk
- Parking within 30 feet of a stop sign
- Facing the wrong way (opposite the direction of traffic), when parked on the street

These violations saw significant increases in 2014 over 2013 statistics.

POLICE EXPLORERS



Explorers – Many officers advise and help to coordinate our explorers post #244. At the beginning of the school year, students from local high schools and colleges are recruited who are interested in a career in law enforcement. This year we started out with over a dozen students and finished with nine still involved in the program.

Over the school year, our explorers attend meetings on Sundays with our police officer advisors to learn about various topics in policing, everything from traffic accidents, domestic assaults, bomb threats, and many more topics. Explorers get time at our range to learn the basics of shooting. After learning about each topic, explorers are put through scenarios to test out the new knowledge gained from meetings. In the fall, our explorers compete against other posts in the state at Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College in scenarios. They also compete in Rochester, MN in the spring at the state conference.

Our explorers helped out with many events in 2014, including the FOP Benefit Lunch, Lawmen Softball Tournament, community events, and Grandma's Marathon.

RECORDS & SUPPORT UNIT (RSU)

2014 DPD Records Staff Accomplishments	2014	2013
Case Narrative Transcriptions	10,658	11,009
Processed Citations	9,133	11,152
Scanned Media Items	152,730	113,422
Gun Permits	557	686
Accident Reports Processed	1,619	2,047
Incident Offense Records Created	24,824	27,482
Property Reports	3,516	4,178
Public Data Requests	3,739	1,851

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

2014 was a busy year for the Police Department's Animal Services Division. Our animal control officers are responsible for enforcing local and State Laws pertaining to animals. Animal Control Officers (ACO's) work out of the City of Duluth Animal Shelter at 2627 Courtland Street.

During 2014 Animal Services received and responded to over 1300 reports of aggressive, loose/stray, injured, barking, nuisance and neglected/abused animals within our city. They received reports of 30 animal bites to humans and 23 dogs attacking other animals. As a result of their investigations they designated and registered eight dogs as "Dangerous" and 30 dogs as "Potentially Dangerous". In addition, 14 dogs and three cats were permanently surrendered or abandoned at the shelter after being involved in aggressive incidents with either humans or other domestic animals.

We are pleased to report that in 2014 eight-five percent of the stray animals that came into the Animal Shelter were reclaimed by their owners. All remaining healthy/adoptable animals were placed for adoption. Of the 739 domestic animals impounded and cared for at the shelter, 311 were re-united with their owners and 406 were placed for adoption. 14 aggressive dogs, three aggressive cats and three critically ill animals were euthanized at the shelter. In 2014, for the first time, all feral cats that entered the shelter were able to be rehomed. We saw a significant increase in the percentage of lost animals that were reunited with their owners! This may be due, in part, to the increased number of stray animals who came into the shelter with City of Duluth licenses and/or microchips.



BIKE PATROL

School Resource Officers, Community Oriented Police Officers, and Patrol Officers combined to do over 350 hours of bike patrol covering 750 miles. While this was down from the previous year, they were still able to make almost 2000 citizen contacts, mostly in the Canal Park area.

Bike patrol is centered around the Old Downtown area of Superior Street and 1st street from 5th Avenue West to 4th Avenue East and Canal Park. Bike Patrol focuses on being engaged with the citizens and the community. They make strides to visit all the businesses in the area and listen to their concerns and adjust their patrol accordingly.

	2014	2013	2012
Miles Patrolled	750	2273	1936
Hours on Duty	353	1325	977
Citizen Contacts	1952	6153	3800
Custodial Arrests	11	51	73
Felony Arrests	4	26	10
Citations	77	239	253
# To Detox	9	42	59
Traffic Stops	8	35	43

DPD MOUNTED PATROL

As a unit, we had many, many positive contacts over our 2014 season. Numerous tourists and community members praised our efforts, asked questions about the new unit, or gave us information of the suspicious goings-on in their neighborhoods. The number of people who approached us while on horseback was greatly increased compared to driving in a squad car; we estimated over five thousand contacts during our patrol season! This does not include the large number of passersby offering compliments and taking photos as we patrolled.

We appeared at over thirty (30) events throughout the City of Duluth and once in Proctor. Our premier events included Grandma's Marathon, National Night Out, Blues Fest, and Christmas City of the North Parade.

We made arrests including a felony-level controlled substance arrest, three DWI arrests, and two arrests stemming from a fight downtown. We adjusted our hours to be out in force for bar close at 1st Ave W / W 1st St on Friday nights and at Grandma's Sports Garden on S. Lake Ave on Saturday nights several times.

We completed a total of two-hundred eighty-one (281) self-initiated field activities (focused patrol of a specific location) through 2014. When not focused on a small area, we looked for quality of life issues present, checked in with business owners, and made sure we were highly visible to the community.

The Police Department gratefully accepts donations in support of the Mounted Patrol Unit.



CANINE UNIT

2014 saw the addition of Officer Kevin Tomlin and Canine Kobra to the unit. Tomlin and Kobra completed (8) weeks Explosive Detection and Patrol training in Anniston, Alabama in the spring of 2014. They returned to hit the ground running with big events like Grandma's Marathon taking place. We were able to add Tomlin and Kobra through a Port Security Grant Program. Officer Tomlin/Kobra joins canine unit Officer Kopp/Malikai and Officer Johnson/Oakley.

June saw the retirement canine Abe from the department. Abe (real name Ahab) came to the department in June of 2006 after (10) weeks of rigorous explosive detection training in Alabama. That was followed up by patrol training that was completed locally. Abe loved to play which meant he loved to work because everything he did was a game to him. Besides excelling at explosive detection, Abe was excellent at tracking suspects along with being strong in apprehension work and evidence searching. Abe's longest criminal tracking successfully ended up on a front porch with the perpetrator inside after a 1.4 mile track across roads, a creek and through a neighborhood!

Thank you Abe for your dedication and service to our City and citizens. We will miss you very much...

You may support canine units with an on-line pledge through the AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation at <http://Northlandk9.org> and designate your gift to the Duluth Police Department when donating through the Foundation.

DULUTH POLICE FOUNDATION

Mission: The mission of the Duluth Police Foundation is to create partnerships which funds and supports community safety initiatives, technology, and training for the Police Department and citizens of Duluth, to keep Duluth a safe and inviting city for all.

This year the Duluth Police Foundation was able to make their very first grants. In total the foundation granted \$19,780 dollars to a variety of Duluth Police priority projects. The grantees included Duluth Police Activity League, K9 equipment, Police Explorers, Duluth School Patrol Association, Police Reserves, Mounted Patrol, and trauma bandages. These grants were all made possible by generous donors, and supporters of the Duluth Police Foundation.

The Police Foundation also held its second event on November 1st, 2014; the Super Hero Fun Run. This event generated a tremendous response from the community, and the participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Foundation has already scheduled next year's run for October 24th, 2015, keep an eye out for more details. Events like these provide the foundation the funding source to support our Officers, and a safer community.



2014 NEW DPD OFFICERS



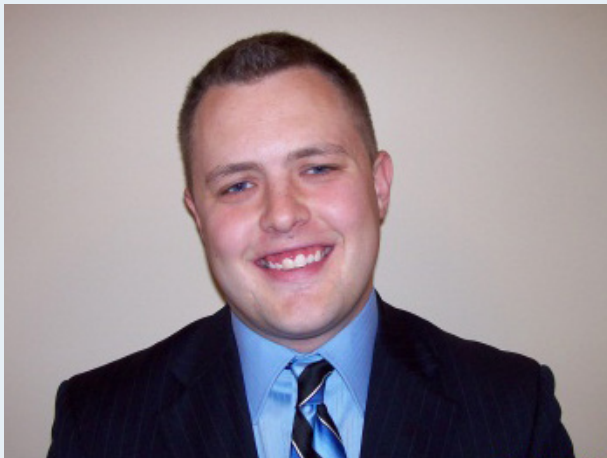
Aaron Haller



Kaine Kaase



Dana Letica



Andrew Meier



Jeremy O'Connor



Jacob Willis

2014 PROMOTIONS



Lt. Chad Nagorski



Lt. Laura Marquardt



Lt. Nicholas Lukovsky



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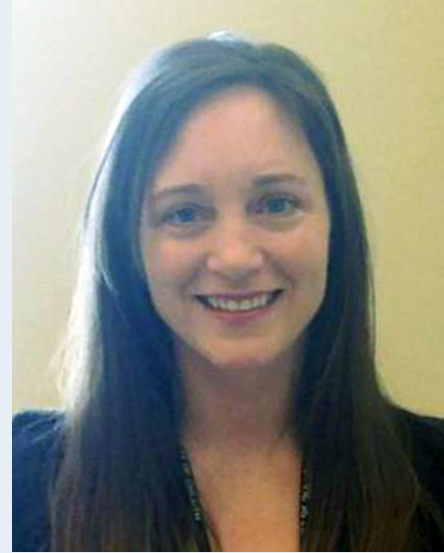
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2014 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Kiwanis Police
Officer of the Year:
Michael Erickson**



**Support Staff
of the Year:
Maya Carroll**



**Supervisor
of the Year:
Dan Boese**



**Investigator
of the Year:
Ryan Temple**



MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD



Lt. Brad Wick & Abe

On February 11, 2015, in Washington D.C., Vice President Joseph Biden and Attorney General Eric Holder presented Lt. Brad Wick with the 2011-2012 Medal of Valor.

Lieutenant Wick receives the award for his heroic actions during the chase of a convicted felon and his female companion on August 28, 2011, a day after they had committed armed robbery and carjacking.

The chase ended in a residential area, where the felon and his companion entered a home and shot the female occupant.

Lieutenant Wick, who was a sergeant at the time, entered the home with his canine partner, Abe, and was ambushed by gun fire. He returned fire and managed to fatally wound the felon. The home's resident survived her injury.

QUESTIONS?